

CLE ELUM VALLEY / TEANAWAY 4WD TRAILS

	Trail Name	Miles	Rating
4W301	Fortune Creek	6.5	Easy
4W302	Van Epps	5.2	Easy
4W303	Van Epps Loops	0.8	Easy
4W304	Hawkins Mnt Mines	1.3	More Difficult
4W305	Mine to Market	2.0	More Difficult

Directions to 4W301

Take I-90 to Roslyn, WA. Follow Hwy 930 approx. 16 miles to Cayuse Campground and Salmon La Sac Ranger Station. The road narrows here but keep going. Turn right onto FS 4330, a gravel road, and continue for approx. 6.7 miles. Turn right onto the Fortune Creek Trail. As of June 2005 it was mis-marked as Trail 601. Further up it's correctly marked as Trail 301.

Directions to 4W302 and 4W303

Access to Van Epps trail is 2 miles in on the Fortune Creek Trail. Watch for the begining of Van Epps on the left, it curls up the hill then crosses a good logging road before continuing on.

Directions to 4W304

Follow instructions for the Fortune Creek Trail. Continue past Gallagher Lake and watch for a sign at the fork in the trail. Follow the Hawkins Mountain Trail to the right.

Directions to 4W305

To access this trail, take I-90 to Roslyn, WA. Follow Hwy 930 approx. 16 miles to Cayuse Campground and Salmon La Sac Ranger Station. The road narrows here, but keep going. Turn right on to FS 4330, a gravel road, and procede 4.9 miles to another gravel road on the right. Follow this road for approx 1/2 mile to the trail head. It should be marked. Not far into the trail bear left and cross a wooden bridge over a creek. After the bridge, turn left and immediately bear right to continue the trail.

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Fortune Creek Trail (4W301)

Distance: 6.5 miles

Time: Approx 2.0 - 2.5 hrs one way

Difficulty: Easy

At almost 7 miles long the Fortune Creek Trail makes for a great day of wheel'n. Although not technically difficult this trail abounds with beautiful scenery. The best spot on the trail is at Gallagher Head Lake. There is a small primitive campground here that would be a great place to stay a night if you are so inclined.

Along the route you will find remnants of a by-gone era, mining machinery lays rusting away in some of the fields and if you keep a watchful eye you might even find a few mine entrances along the way.

A GPS is helpful as intersecting roads can confuse you along the way. There is one section that is actually a section of logging road that takes you to the next part of the trail. The trail past Gallagher Head Lake deteriorates a bit and crosses over some loose shale fields with drop offs that offer a long ride to the bottom if you should slide off the edge. The trail dead ends overlooking a valley at approximately 6.49 miles from the trail head.

Van Epps Trail (4W302)

Distance: 5 miles

Time: Approx 1.5 hours one way

Difficulty: Easy

The Van Epps Pass trail is again like the rest of the trails in this area, an old mine access road. In fairly good condition this is a fun and mostly easy trail. Combined with 4W303 (Van Epps Looms) trail, this makes for a great day of wheel'n with spectacular scenery.

The Van Epps Pass trail tops out at approximately 5800' in elevation and awards you with some spectacular views. At the end of the trail are the remnants of some mining operations. You will find scattered debris and what is left of a few buildings in the area.

There is a trail that leads to the east from here that requires you to drive in the creek for a short distance, but not to far into it you will see (or hopefully see) a sign that designates the boundary of the Wilderness area. Although the trail continues on in very good condition past this sign, driving past it into the wilderness area can land you some nasty fines if you are caught. Just don't do it!!! Turn around here!!!

Van Epps Looms Trail (4W303)

Distance: 0.8 mile

Time: Approx .5 hours one way

Difficulty: Easy

The Van Epps Looms Trail is a short (0.8 mile) loop trail off of the main Van Epps Trail. If you are traveling downhill on the Van Epps Trail you will see the trail on your left. A sign here states this as the "Esmerelda Trail." There will quickly be a fork in the trail. Stay to the right for the Van Epps Looms Trail. Taking the left fork dead ends at what the maps show to be a mine, although this is not confirmed.

If you are running the Van Epps trail uphill, you will find the 4W303 trail on the right at approximately 2.62 miles in on the Van Epps Trail

Hawkins Mtn. Mines (4W304)

Distance: 1.3 Miles

Time: Approximately .5 hour one way Difficulty: Easy to More Difficult

The Hawkins Mountain Mine trail is a spur off of Trail 4W301 (Fortune Creek Trail). Although a fairly easy trail, there are a few obstacles and hill climbs that will earn it a more difficult rating when wet. The trail is found by continuing on the Fortune Creek trail just past Gallagher Lake. The trail was marked as of 2005 and spurs off to the right to climb steadily up Hawkins Mountain.

Along the way you will find mine tailings from long ago mining operations. The view from this trail is breathtaking and well worth the trip.

The 304 trail tops out at just over 6000 feet in a pristine meadow with a small waterfall coming off of the ridge. PLEASE TREAD LIGHTLY! Do not rip up the meadow. For those interested in tent camping there are ample places to do so along the way as well as a primitive campground at Gallagher Lake.

Mine to Market Trail (4W305)

Distance: 2 Miles

Time: Approx. 1 to 1.5 hours one way

Difficulty: More Difficult

This old mining road winds it's way through switch back after switch back as it climbs to an elevation of over 5000 feet. Views from the trail are spectacular but be careful to keep your eyes and attention on the trail as some areas are very narrow and the rocks can be loose. At the top, the trail breaks out into some beautiful meadows with great views.

Map, text, and trail data courtesy of http://www.nwjeepn.com